

Sen. Felzkowski: Governor vetoes Felzkowski's complementary care bill

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Madison, WI - Last Friday, Governor Evers vetoed Assembly Bill 86, legislation that would have provided consumer protection for complementary and alternative health care services. Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk), an author of the bill, had the following remarks:

“There has been a growing movement in our country to treat ailments with more natural methods, while complementing the wonderful work that licensed health care professionals provide. Unfortunately, the Governor let perfect get in the way of good, and our legislation that would have provided consumer protection for a long list of complementary health care services, was overshadowed by one special interest group.”

Assembly Bill 86 would have allowed for complementary and alternative health care providers, who are not currently licensed, to operate in Wisconsin, as long as they meet a number of conditions that are meant to protect the consumer. Services that would have been regulated under this bill include: acupuncture, aromatherapy, culturally traditional healing practices, homeopathy, kinesiology, meditation, reflexology, traditional naturopathy, and more.

Felzkowski continued, “As we become more cognizant of the benefits that these complementary services have on our health as a whole, it’s crucial that consumers know exactly what they’re getting and the qualifications and training involved. This veto is a huge hit to Wisconsinites who are interested in using natural remedies over heavy-grade pharmaceuticals.”